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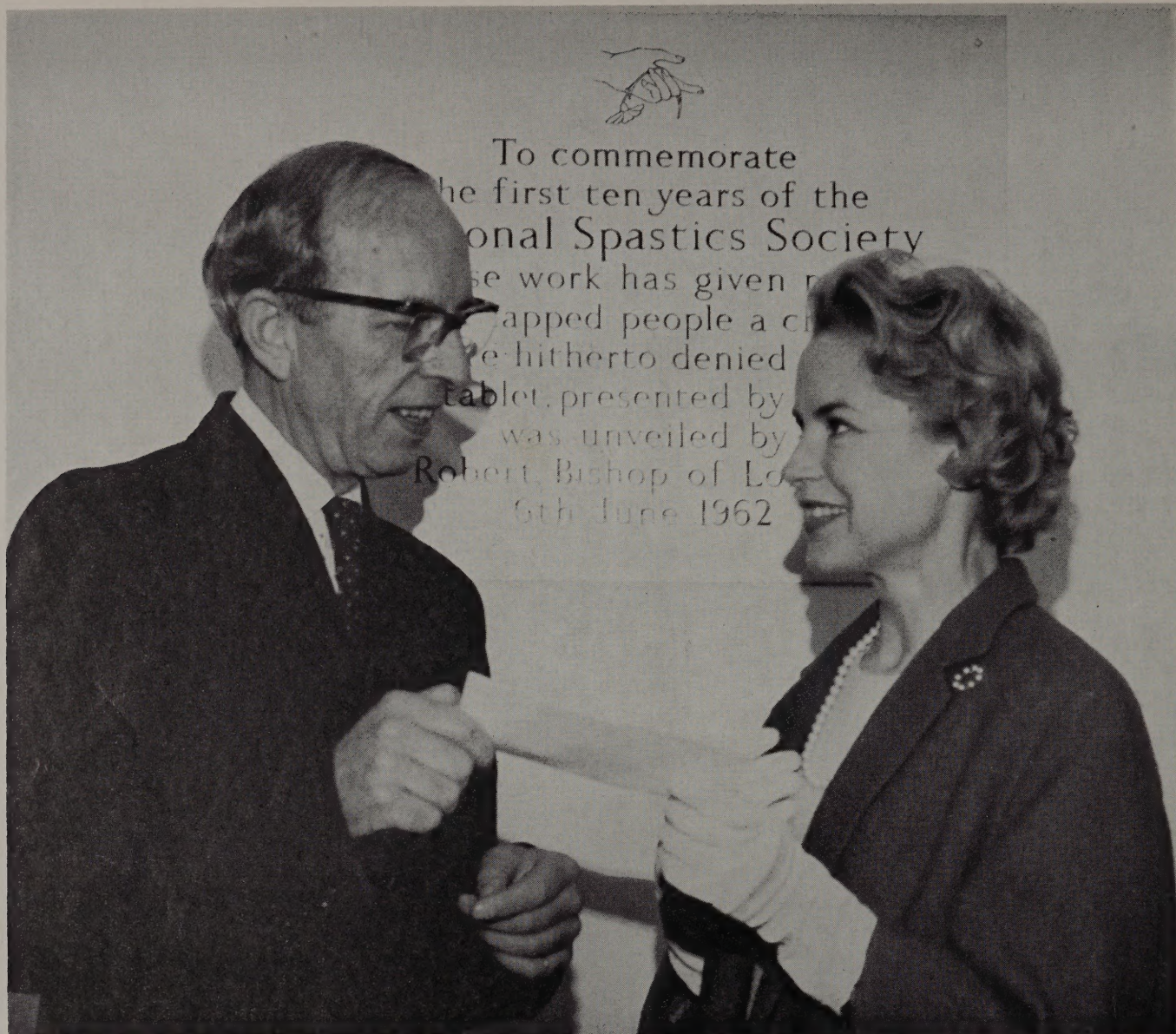
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# SPASTICS NEWS







To commemorate  
the first ten years of the  
National Spastics Society  
this work has given  
crippled people a chance  
of the hitherto denied  
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6th June 1962

## HOOVER HELP SPASTICS

For the second year in succession, Hoover Ltd., on their own initiative, have carried out Operation Blanket Wash on behalf of the National Spastics Society. They invited the public to bring blankets to be washed at a nominal charge of one shilling per blanket by Hoover dealers all over the country. A N.S.S. collecting box was placed at each shop or showroom and the public responded generously. At a simple ceremony at 12 Park Crescent, attended by senior executives of Hoover Ltd., stage and screen star, Miss Muriel Pavlow, on behalf of the company, handed over a cheque to Dr. Stevens, the Society's Director. Over £1,000 was subscribed.

About the same time as this was going on, down in Wales this company was continuing to help spastics. At a ceremony in their Pentrebach factory the 5,000,000th washing machine came off the production line, watched by Lord Brecon, Minister of State for Welsh Affairs. The machine—a Key-matic—was wheeled to a specially-erected stage and there it was presented to the Mayor of Merthyr, Councillor Mrs. Gwyneth Williams, for use in a day unit for spastic children to be built at Cyfarthfa Park, Merthyr.

*(Statistics Note: Five million washing machines placed side by side would stretch from Merthyr to Moscow).*

## FRONT COVER

Like dozens of other spastics in all parts of the country, the young man on the front of our magazine this month is actively engaged on the Christmas Card programme.

At home and in centres throughout England and Wales spastic men and women are printing the verses for our colourful and varied range of cards.



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## COMMENT

Despite the fact that summer is still with us, Christmas cards are already available from Spastics Cards Ltd., 3-5 Drayton Green Road, London, W.13. EALing 1829. Spastics Cards Ltd., is a non-profit-making organisation, the proceeds from which go to help spastics.

The range this year is an extremely attractive one and there are cards to suit all tastes and pockets.

For many of you, Christmas seems very far away. We cannot deny that this is very true, but please remember that the EARLIER you purchase your cards, the wider is the range available. We are hoping for a really successful year this season and aim to sell nearly 4,000,000 cards—an all-time record. This can only be done with YOUR co-operation—YOU the readers of Spastics News. Full details page 4.

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## Christmas Cards 1962

Above is illustrated, actual size, one of the attractive Spastic Printed cards which are being produced this year. This is one of six Spastic Printed designs which can be purchased either in assorted packs or individually. Overprinting is available on this series, if required.

There is a wide range of cards available this year which includes attractive Old Masters—both religious and lay—Modern, Glitter, Whimsy, Winter Scenes and Religious.

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# THE '62 CLUB

## GIVES

## PROMISED HELP

IN last month's issue the vice-chairman of The '62 Club wrote in these columns that the club members hoped to be able to make a valuable contribution to the research now going on into the problem of cerebral palsy. They lost no time in setting about it.

Recently, apart from normal social meetings, the club members have been putting in considerable "overtime" in order to assist an Employment Department Research Project organised by Mr. J. J. Q. Fox. In the photograph below you can see some of the members undergoing certain aptitude and dexterity tests under the watchful eye of Michael Norman, a member of the club committee. Michael has a steady eye on a stop-watch—a familiar sight to those who have attended Assessment Courses!

The Club is now stepping up its activities and one of its recent outings was to London Zoo. A full programme has been arranged for the winter months and will include as a highlight a special Guest Night on Friday, September 28. A special entertainment is being laid on for this and it is hoped that some VIP guests will be able to come along.

Club membership is fast outgrowing available space and the committee is now looking into the possibility of renting or borrowing alternative premises where equipment can be used and stored.

Country members are invited to write in with any bright ideas they may have for extending the Club's activities and in the New Year it is hoped to invite all members to a week-end "get-together" at a holiday hotel.

Letters should be sent to:—

The Secretary,  
'62 Club,  
National Spastics Society,  
12 Park Crescent,  
London, W.1.



*Heads down—not for Bingo!—but for a series of aptitude and dexterity tests, the results of which will be of considerable help to the N.S.S. Employment Department*



# COUNTRY WIDE

## Co-operation with Hospital Board

THE N.S.S. has promised a grant of £74,500 to enable the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board to complete the building of a new spastics centre at Clatterbridge Hospital, Bebington. The new Centre will replace an existing temporary small spastic unit and will be used to train, teach and treat about 24 resident spastics, aged 6 to 12, and provide physiotherapy for about 12 visiting spastic children under school age. There will also be a therapy pool.

"This co-operation between a voluntary and a statutory body is typical of the pattern which is necessary to allow good work to be done now, work which otherwise might have to wait for many years," said the Society's Director, Dr. C. P. Stevens.

## Surprises All Round

There have been many fêtes in aid of spastics this year, but the one held at Kirton, near Boston, which was opened by Miss Shirley Keene, the Society's lecturer, and which we mentioned briefly last month, was extra-satisfactory because of the events which followed.

Over £200 was raised at this garden fête held by Boston District Branch of the National Spastics Society, £120 of this by a raffle, and the first prize, donated by Messrs. Pontins, was a week's holiday at Blackpool. The prize was won by a local lady who, in a splendid gesture, offered the holiday to a spastic. So a 21-year-old spastic girl and her mother said they would love to go. The Group agreed to pay the mother's holiday expenses and also the travel costs for both.

The story does not end there, however. Mrs. G. D. Abbot, the Group secretary, wrote to Pontins to put them in the picture. Back came the reply—"We will be delighted to have both the mother and daughter as our guests for a week!"

In the picture, enjoying the fun of the fête and, incidentally, bowling for a pig, are (left to right)—Mrs. Abbot; His Worship the Mayor of Boston, president of the Group;



*Mr. J. P. Schofield, press officer for the East London Spastics Society, dropped in to the office the other day to show us this happy picture and to tell us about the kindness of Mrs. Foster Moore of Placewood Farm, Hambledon, Surrey. This is just one of the numerous occasions on which Mrs. Moore (fourth from the left in the picture) has welcomed Miss Hattie Jacques, president of the East London Society, and a group of spastic children, for a day at her lovely Surrey home. Rides on the donkeys, refreshments on the lawn—no wonder the children thought it was "smashing!"*

Councillor T. B. Balderston, chairman; Miss Shirley Keene, and the Mayoress. Mr. H. G. Knight, the Regional Officer, is hidden behind Miss Keene.

## Preparing for Work

Among the half million boys and girls who left school two months ago and who will soon be earning their living for the first time, it is estimated that there are at least 500 spastics, many of whom have no idea what kind of work would be most suitable for them. To help them in their choice, the National Spastics Society has held another Vocational Assessment Course, this time at Fircroft College, Selly Oak, Birmingham. Twenty-six young spastics from different parts of the country attended. Their leisure-time programme included a visit to Coventry Cathedral.

"This was the fifteenth assessment course we have held in the last four years," said Miss Mr. R. Morgan, the N.S.S. Employment Officer. "We find they are most helpful in placing these young people in employment and a great encouragement to all who take part."

## Disabled Week

"Help the Disabled Week" will be held from October 1-7 this year and will be the fourth such week sponsored by the Central Council for the Care of Cripples. This national week is intended as an occasion for making more friends for the disabled, increasing the public's understanding of their problems, and encouraging personal acts of kindness towards the disabled. It is essentially non-fund-raising.

This year attention will be specially centred on the improvement of the home surroundings of the disabled. A number of simple household improvements could be carried out by volunteers and it is suggested that in co-operation with hospital staff the provision of items such as extra hand-rails on staircases, adaptation of high, unwieldy beds, and the supplying of guards on fires and cookers, which are within the capabilities of the handyman, could be undertaken.



*(Picture by courtesy of Lincolnshire Standard)*





(Picture by courtesy of Leicester Evening Mail)

"Professor" Stanley Unwin, that man of many "words", was besieged by autograph hunters after he had opened the carnival band contest and gala held by the Stamford and District Branch of the N.S.S. on the Wothorpe Football Ground. The long procession which added to the day's fun included six carnival bands, five old motor vehicles, five decorated floats and nine beautifully preserved steam traction engines. Among the numerous sideshows was a stall of jewellery, basketwork and needlework done by spastics.

Profit from the event was £300

This was the scene as a convoy of motor-cycle combinations left Irton Hall School recently on its way to Lake Windermere. On board were the school's 41 young spastic residents, guests for a day of the West Cumberland Sidecar Club.

The outing, which included a steamer trip on the lake and high tea, was organised by the Club secretary, Mr. Colin Litt. The Club also took it upon themselves to arrange for full comprehensive cover for the children and staff

(Picture by courtesy Cumberland Star)



## Donations — Not Flowers

We recently quoted in this column the words of a Kent vicar who suggested to his parishioners that instead of buying flowers for funerals a donation might be made to charity. The idea has been taken up in another part of the country. From Southampton Miss L. E. Day has forwarded a donation of £20 to the National Spastics Society in memory of her mother, Mrs. Eva Day, who died recently. "Although not a spastic herself," writes Miss Day, "she was always very interested in the welfare of these people. I felt, therefore, that instead of flowers a donation to you would be appropriate."

## Another Electric Chair for School

At the end of November last year the Northfleet and District Round Table, under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert King, organised a Christmas Bazaar in Northfleet. Nearly £150 was raised. This function has now paid dividends for the Thomas Delarue School, because with the money the Round Table purchased an electrically-driven "Sleyride" chair and presented it to the school. The Tablers and their wives attended the school for the presentation ceremony and later enjoyed a tour of the premises, conducted by some of the senior pupils. The ease with which even the badly-handicapped children propelled themselves around with the other "Sleyride" chairs which the school had previously received from other sources left no doubt in the visitors' minds that their effort had been well worthwhile.

(See also p. 16—Editor)





# LORD MAYOR OPENS NEW BRISTOL WORK CENTRE

**F**IVE days a week two new Mini buses turn into Dovercourt Road, Horfield, Bristol, bringing 18 spastics to work from the City and County of Bristol and from the surrounding neighbourhoods of Somerset and Gloucestershire. In the late afternoon they leave on the return journey.

To people in nearby houses it is now a familiar sight: to the members of the Bristol Spastics Association it is the culmination of two years of hard work and problems.

The Lord Mayor of Bristol, Alderman Leonard K. Stevenson, J.P., set the seal on the Association's enterprise when he officially opened the new Bristol Work Centre on Wednesday, July 18—a day described by Professor A. R.

Collar, Chairman of the Management Committee, as "a normal day with a difference." Professor Collar paid tribute to the help received from the citizens and Corporation of Bristol. He also thanked the National Spastics Society, not only for their substantial contribution to the cost of the building and alterations, but also for the valuable advice and assistance in planning which the N.S.S. staff had given.

Expressing his pleasure at being asked to perform the opening ceremony, the Lord Mayor referred to the splendid work already done by the Association in running the Day Centre and Evening Club at Stratton Street, and congratulated the Association, the N.S.S., the architects and builders on the new venture. He then unveiled a plaque in the vestibule commemorating the occasion.

## Bought a Church Hall

The need for and the requirements of a Work Centre were first discussed in committee in March, 1960. Two months later, at a Special General Meeting of the Bristol Spastics Association, it was decided to purchase St. Francis Church Hall in Dovercourt Road, Horfield. There were many problems, however, which had to be overcome before the church hall could be used satisfactorily by handicapped people.

Structural alterations included lowering part of the maple floor which had been used previously as a stage, providing wheel chair ramps to the front and side entrances and adding store rooms and staff accommodation. The main approach



*A general view of the work room at the new Bristol centre*





*Professor A. R. Collar (left) and the Lord Mayor of Bristol after the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate the opening of the Centre*

ramp was provided with underfoot electric heating thermostatically controlled to prevent ice forming during cold weather. A very attractive kitchen was made out of what was formerly the vestry and the building is now heated with convectors and radiators from a newly-installed oil fired heating system.

The obstacles were finally overcome, thanks to the splendid co-operation of the architects, W. H. Watkins, Gray and Partners, and today the building, freshly painted inside and out in modern colour schemes, provides a cheerful, light and airy setting for staff and workers alike.

### **Industry Co-operates**

From the outset Bristol industrialists have co-operated in providing a variety of light assembly jobs, and additional work has been provided by the printing, folding and packing of N.S.S. Christmas Cards. Indeed what was one of the major worries of the Association, that of whether enough suitable work could be found when the Centre was opened, has proved groundless.

The present Work Centre will provide accommodation for 50 spastics and when the alterations to the building were planned provision was made for extending the floor area, if the need arose in the future, with the minimum amount of trouble and cost.

A staff of four, under Major A. E. Loker, run the Centre which is open from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. five days a week.



*Assembling kaleidoscopes for Chiefton Products—one of the many activities carried out by spastics*



**"CLUB"**  
**ATMOSPHERE**  
**AT**  
**BEDFORD**

by Philip Costello

**T**HE rain poured down. A young spastic child, firmly held by a housemother, peered from a window in a new nursery wing of Drayton House, the centre run by Bedford and District Branch of the N.S.S., wondering why all the people were standing in the rain in the garden below.

She may have been puzzled, but older spastics like Larry, Dennis, Tony, Pam, Graham, David and Ann knew what was happening—they were watching a dream come true. With representatives of Bedford's medical, welfare, educational and professional circles, they saw the Hon. Hugh Lawson Johnston open a new community centre extension for the young spastics at Drayton House, a new block with a "club" atmosphere to be called the Easton Centre.

"Most of us are pretty active people," said the Hon. Hugh Lawson Johnston, who opened the new extension, "and it is very difficult for a busy person to be a lonely person. It is hard for us to conceive the loneliness that some people must feel when they are unable to be fully occupied.

"With the opening of this new block there is no longer any necessity for loneliness in the young people in and near Bedford."

How right he was. This modern-style rectangular building with its vast windows has large bright rooms with a piano, a radiogram, writing table and easy chairs for leisure and companionship, a place where young spastics can feel they have founded their own independent society.

There are also facilities for productive activities. There are work-tables for the production of toys and for the manufacture of stools, and in an adjacent room there is a work bench for wicker-work and mop-making.

**Recognition for Doctor**

Alderman R. Turner, president of the Bedford Branch, expressed his delight to see so many friends of spastics present at what he described as one of the most important events since the opening of Drayton House four years ago. In welcoming the guests he said that the new extension was to be



*The new community centre at Bedford—a place of light and air and gaiety*



named the Easton Centre in recognition of all the hard work which Dr. J. H. Easton, chairman, had done for spastics.

Other tributes were paid by Dr. Easton. He praised the efforts of Mr. L. B. W. Breeds, "father and friend—a much-beloved person who instructs the spastics in their work." He also had high praise for the secretary, Miss A. E. Kidder. "She is the spastic centre," said Dr. Easton. "She runs the whole place. A lot of what you see today in the way of furnishing is her work. She is such a wonderful person to run this place, she works all hours of the day—and night—and, in fact, spends her whole life doing work for the children."

Perhaps the best way to describe the immense satisfaction now felt by spastics in and around Bedford who attend the Centre is to quote the words of a young spastic in an interview with his local newspaper:

"I am a young spastic. And that can be a lonely business. Being incapacitated often means being isolated too. So, at first I stayed at home, and although my parents were wonderful to me, I didn't make many friends, or meet many people.

"Then they opened the Spastics Centre at Drayton House, and I was able to come and be a member of a community; having others of my own age to react to; to agree and disagree with; to work and play with.

"And now we've just opened our own community centre behind Drayton House. It's lovely . . ."

### Open Invitation

"... I think we're lucky to have this new place, but we don't want to keep it all to ourselves, so if you know any youngster who is incapacitated—not necessarily a spastic—and who is lonely at home, would you let Miss Kidder know? ... at the Spastics Centre, Drayton House, Bromham Road, Bedford. The centre isn't large, but we would welcome a few new members.

"And another thing. Our main difficulty is getting transport to get us to our community centre from our homes. So, whether you are connected with the Spastics Centre or not, if you feel you could help occasionally to drive us to or from home, would you telephone and let Miss Kidder know at Bedford 3801?"

(Pictures by courtesy of Bedfordshire Times & Standard)

A place to  
relax . . .



*It's nice to relax and knit . . . to play those favourite records, and have a chat. It's the perfect club atmosphere. Pam and Graham relax from their work of making toys*

"Meanwhile, we don't want to keep the new centre all to ourselves; so if you've a mind to come along and join in and help, we'd be pleased to see you."

. . . to work



*Stool-making is not easy. It needs a good deal of industry and craftsmanship. Dennis, Larry, and Tony occupy the work-table in the new centre*

. . . and talk



*Miss A. E. Kidder, secretary of the Bedford and District Branch, discusses the improved working conditions for the assembly of toys in the new centre, with David, Dennis, and Ann*



## HE WORKS IN THE PEACE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

*This versatile weaver takes a great pride in his work—and he is his own advertisement for his products, for, should you call at his lakeside home, you are likely to find him wearing a handsome sports jacket, the cloth for which he wove on his own looms.*

THE peace of the countryside surrounds Stephen Hattie as he works at his looms each day, weaving beautiful material which is the admiration of every visitor to his home, Maitlands South, Old Heath, Colchester, Essex. From his white-painted work-shop, a room fitted out above the stables, he can look out over the still waters of a lake a few yards from the house—a spot which gives ideal views for his hobby of photography.

Stephen is content and is building a fine little business from his looms. Already, although he has only lived in the district a few months, his work is being recognised for its worth. A card on the wall of his “den” next to the work-shop bears witness to this. It denotes a second prize won for his display of cushions at Frinton and District Horticultural Society’s show. He will also be exhibiting at Chelmsford in the autumn.



*He may be handicapped, but he operates the loom with craftsmanship. Notice the jacket he is wearing? He wove the cloth for that himself*



Your editor (left), when he went to Colchester to see Mr. Hattie, was highly impressed at the quality of the work this handicapped young man produces. He was particularly interested in the beautiful cloth you can see being examined in the picture. This creation, which is highlighted by the silver thread running through it, had just been sold



## Studies Continued

Thirty-two-year-old Stephen Hattie left Sherrards Wood School at Welwyn Garden City, where they used to live, when he was 14 but he was fortunate in having a grandfather who was a headmaster and who was able to help him continue his studies. He tried several jobs, but each one had to be terminated because of his handicap and his health—he is disabled on his right side.

In 1955 he went to the Queen Elizabeth Training College for the Disabled for a course in gardening but after two years he had to give it up to undergo an operation on his leg. He was in hospital for eight months and during that time he learned to weave on a small table loom. He had a little experience of this kind of work, having taken some lessons a few years previously.

Weaving seemed to be the answer to Stephen's problem and when he left hospital he took a six months' course at the London School of Weaving and subsequently went there twice weekly on a tweed commission. A diploma on the wall of his workshop reads: "Mr. Hattie has acquired a sound knowledge of these crafts. His tenacity and patience are greatly to be admired in having achieved a standard of craftsmanship which is unimpaired by his physical disability."

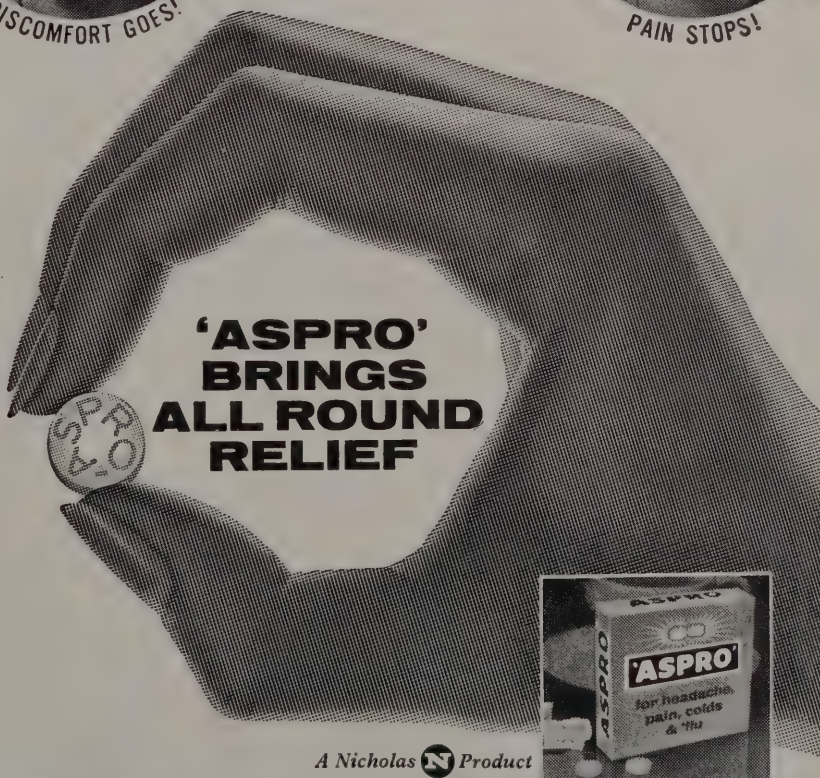
## Helped by N.S.S.

Stephen now has two foot-power looms and a table model in his workshop. A grant from the National Spastics Society enabled him to purchase one of the machines.

This young spastic man, in addition to photography, has another hobby—music. A small organ is conveniently placed for his "off-duty" moments in a corner of his work-shop.

He is also a member of the thriving newly-formed '62 Club.

# HEADACHE?



A Nicholas  Product



# LIGHT ENGINEERING UNIT FOR WEST KENT SPASTICS

**W**ORK is now under way on the West Kent Spastics Society's new £6,000 Work Centre at 17 Park Road, Bromley, a project which is expected to be finished by mid-December. The centre will comprise a work-shop just over 50 feet in length and 32 feet in width with the usual offices. The house, attached to the property on which the Centre is being built, will be co-ordinated to the Centre and the ground floor will house the dining-room, kitchen, general office and rest room for the work-shop.

When built the project will be set up as a light engineering unit, comprising drilling, stamping and assembling and will be under the direct control of an Instructor/Supervisor. In addition a lady Welfare Officer/Secretary will be employed to assist in the running of the Centre. As much as possible of the ancillary work will be done by voluntary helpers.

## Manufacturers Interested

Already a large electrical concern manufacturing radio, television and electronic equipment and a light engineering firm in Bromley have expressed interest in the project and promised to examine the possibility of giving out work to the workshop on a sub-contract basis.

A management committee, composed of persons in business, professions, commerce and industry in the West Kent area, will be formed to manage the Centre, leaving the Society to be solely a money-raising organisation to finance the project.

A number of inquiries have been received from spastics who are interested in attending the Centre and spastics of whatever degree of handicap will be received. For those who cannot conveniently attend there will be a system of out-work. All spastics in work will receive a small wage. Upwards of 20-25 spastics will in due course attend.

The architect for the project is Mr. Henry G. Payne, L.R.I.B.A., a Chartered Architect, who is to supervise the building at all stages.

Says Mr. R. R. Duncan Gibson, secretary, West Kent Spastics Society: "We are very grateful for the help and advice of the Central Middlesex Spastics Welfare Society who have advised on the appointment of a workshop instructor and have offered to receive our instructor, when appointed and before he takes up his duties, into their own work centre for a short course. After having operated such a project very successfully for some years now, they are well able to do this.

"When fully operative the Work Centre is expected to cost at least £4,000 annually, while the cost of the building will be £5,750 exclusive of equipment."





**NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD** Miss Lavinia Woodhouse of Sloane Square, London, is a wonderful girl. That is the unanimous verdict of members of the North West London Group of the National Spastics Society. For weeks now they have seen Lavinia arrive at their new Centre at Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, three times a week to give her services freely and willingly for six to seven hours each day. Not only does she assist in the Centre, she also brings a spastic girl with her when she comes by car and takes her home again.

Lavinia, who has recently left school and who does not go out to work, spotted an advertisement for voluntary workers in a daily newspaper. She immediately offered her services.

That story is typical of the voluntary co-operation which has been coming to the North West London Group since their new Centre began to take shape a few months ago. Parishioners of St. Dominic's Church repainted the rooms in fresh pastel colours; others made curtains; some took off their jackets and laboured to make a new drive-in and a garden path; car owners came forward to offer their services as drivers to take spastics to and from the Centre.

### Hope to Develop

Volunteers helped to get the Centre going as quickly as possible and just over a month ago, while the windows were still bare of curtains, the doors opened to admit the first three spastics. From this early beginning it is hoped to develop a large centre with spastics going to and fro by ambulance.

The main function of the new unit, which is for adults in the 16-plus age groups, is to be an occupational centre for home-bound spastics who cannot go out to work. In this way it will serve two purposes: to provide a few hours of freedom for the families who care for these handicapped people full time, and to give the spastic people themselves a new interest.

Later the centre may develop into a small-scale workshop for those who are able to make saleable goods, such as costume jewellery. At present painting is the main occupation—making cards and calendars will be the next venture.

### Older Spastics

Mrs. Joan Sandell, who is in charge at the Centre, is a trained nurse and a welfare worker, and until a short time ago she worked with physically handicapped people at Hendon.

The North West London Group includes members from Hampstead, St. Pancras, Marylebone and Bayswater and it is hoped that eventually older spastics, about whom less is known, will be brought to the Centre to take part in the activities.

The Centre, which is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. until three in the afternoon, needs more voluntary workers—like Lavinia—to assist on a rota basis.

## VOLUNTARY EFFORT FOR SPASTICS IN NORTH LONDON

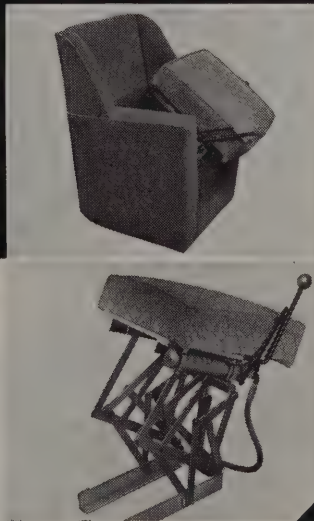
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## WONDERFUL EFFORT

Dear Editor,

I would like if possible to have some acknowledgement made in SPASTICS NEWS of the wonderful effort on behalf of this school made by a couple of parents—Mr. and Mrs. Evans of "Coniston", 24 Mayfield Avenue, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, who organised a most successful garden party in their own private garden where, with the help of some friends, they succeeded in raising £107 from an attendance of about 200 people.

With this £100 they bought and presented to the school a "Sleyride" chair, a most valuable and quite splendid gift. They explained that the chair, together with the battery charger, costs £170 new, but they were able to buy it for £100 from a Southend family who had purchased it for their daughter, but she was unable to make use of it in the house.



Their own daughter, Janet, who is a pupil at this school, made use of the occasion to make her debut as a public speaker, and you will like to know that this follows on her recent successes in elocution at the Tunbridge Wells Music Festival.

As a result of this quite wonderful effort on the part of one family, the school is now in possession of its seventh "Sleyride" chair.

J. B. DAVIES, M.B.E., B.Sc. (Econ.)  
Headmaster,  
Thomas Delarue School.

## DOG TRIALS AID SPASTICS

Dear Editor,

About 1,600 adults and children visited the Agricultural Society's showground at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, July 28, for the Open Sheep Dog Trials organised by the Local Group of the N.S.S.

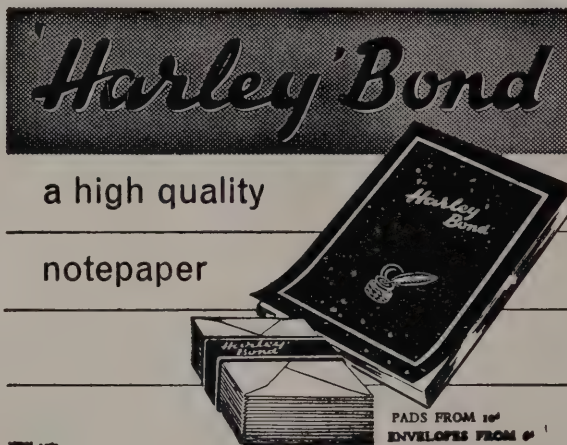
Thanks to the generosity of many people it will be possible to donate at least £200 to the various centres and schools where local spastic children are being treated and taught to help them become useful citizens. A raffle raised the sum of £26 10s., and donations of £18 were also received.

There were visitors and helpers present from many parts of the world, including some students from West Berlin who are at present staying with families in this area.

In the show itself there were 29 entries for the main competition and the Champion Dog Cup was won by Mr. P. L. Dalglish of Midhurst, with Slate. Cups and prizes were presented by Captain Thorpe, senior partner of the firm of Bernard Thorpe and Partners who also farms in the Seven-oaks and Tonbridge area.

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# News

## in brief

### Oldham:

Mr. Leslie Thomas, a man whose interest in spastics began when a speaker from the Oldham and District Spastics Society addressed Oldham Round Table, of which he was then a member, is now the new chairman of the local society. He succeeds Mr. W. E. Farmer, who has resigned after nine years owing to his other commitments, but who has accepted the honorary position of vice-president of the society.

### Redcar:

Darlington and District Spastics Society have acquired a neat detached house at 21 The Crescent, Redcar, a few minutes from the sea, to be used as a holiday home. The park is just opposite.

### Grantham:

Tentative planning has started for a "Spastics Week" in Grantham in 1963, to be incorporated in the Quincentenary celebrations. This will possibly be the first of an annual event which all Groups in Lincolnshire intend to organise for themselves—one main annual event each, to be supported by the remainder.

### Bexhill:

The Stars Organisation for Spastics have accepted the free use of the main hall of the De La Warr Pavilion for a charity concert, on Sunday, September 9, in aid of Colwall Court. It will be directed by Mr. Derrick de Marney.

*(Edited from Bexhill Observer)*

### Swansea:

The Swansea and District Spastic Association annual garden fête held at Longfields, West Cross, was one of the most successful since the event was inaugurated, over £500 being realised. Introduced by the organiser, Mr. Ken Thomas, the Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Rose Cross, who opened the event, commented on the attractive array of stalls and expressed her pleasure at seeing the new workshop which was almost completed.

*(Edited from South Wales Evening Post)*

### Leeds:

One of the largest outings for spastic children was organised by Mr. and Mrs. F. Potter of the Bridgefield Hotel, East End Park, Leeds, when 165 children from the district visited Knaresborough, Wetherby and Harrogate in a convoy of cars and buses. Later there was a picnic on the lawns of the hotel and an entertainment of Punch and Judy, the Leeds Scottish Pipe Band and a team of Scottish dancers.

### Watford:

The Rev. L. H. Roper of Holy Trinity Vicarage, New Barnet, has forwarded a £60 contribution towards the new Spastics Centre at Watford. The money came from the proceeds of a summer fête which was opened by Miss Shirley Keene, the N.S.S. Lecturer.

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# SCHOOL SPEECH DAYS

## ODE TO MY BEAUTY

O why am I so beautiful  
I really cannot see  
Why everybody else can't be  
As beautiful as me.

I hear the folk around me  
Sigh as they pass by,  
They look at me and I can see  
The envy in their eye.

I see the Grecian heroes,  
Perfect in every limb,  
But taken side by side with me  
Their beauty seems to dim.

Paintings by great masters  
Sculpture by Henry Moore,  
I see them and appreciate  
My beauty all the more.

O why am I so beautiful  
It isn't very fair,  
That I have all this beauty  
Which I cannot share.

GLYN VERNON.

(The above poem was written by a resident of the Thomas Delarue School and was read out on Speech Day. Glyn, who has little speech, is a severely-handicapped chair-borne quadriplegia. His headmaster says: "To to be able to write with such gaiety and *joie de vivre* is to prove that one has come to terms with life and that so far as he is concerned our most difficult problem has been resolved").

"A YEAR of Experiment" was how Mr. H. B. Davies, headmaster of the Thomas Delarue School at Tonbridge, Kent, described the year just passed in his school report presented at the annual Speech Day.

"It is too early to attempt an objective factual assessment of the results of these experiments (new methods or techniques in both teaching and treatment)", said Mr. Davies, "but evidence is accumulating that gives grounds for hope that they will ultimately pay richer dividends of progress in learning and achievement than were obtained by the former more traditional practices.

"In the teaching of the basic subjects of English and Mathematics for example, the students have been grouped in what we call 'Sets', according to attainment and aptitude, regardless of age, rather than in forms having a largely homogeneous age grouping. This has resulted in economy of time, which might be said to be our scarcest commodity, both for the teachers and the taught, which in turn has made more rapid progress possible.

"Writing is for many of our students an art only laboriously acquired and even then real fluency in this skill is often quite impossible, so that the written work so essential for secure grounding of what is learnt becomes a painfully slow and protracted task, gravely reducing progress. We have, therefore, resorted to increased and intensified use of typewriters. Through the very generous co-operation of the International Business Machines Company, we are able to buy electric typewriters for the very low price of £25, and in this connection I shall be writing to the parents of some students inviting them to provide one of these machines for their child.

## High Cost Hampers Progress

"To speed work in mathematics I want to extend the use of calculating machines, but progress here is hampered by the cost of machines robust enough to stand up to the severe pounding they may be subjected to. We are continuing our efforts to overcome the peculiar learning difficulties experienced by some of our students, problems arising from defective spatial perception, orientation, visual and auditory handicaps, and inhibition of memory, to mention only some of the special problems.

"The new techniques are more apparent and certainly more spectacular on the physical side, where students are achieving things beyond our wildest dreams only a year ago. Here again we are using 'Sets' of boys and girls, grouped together in categories and degrees of handicap.

"These therapy sets are taken by a teacher of physical education who co-operates fully with the physiotherapists, and together they seek to achieve therapeutic ends indirectly, through exercises, games and gymnastics similar to those enjoyed by pupils of ordinary schools. This work is of great psychological and social value, for the accent throughout is that this is what is done by the normal boy or girl, young man or young woman."

He went on: "The new therapy helps to give our students courage and self-respect, to realize that they are not so very different after all, that they can do the things that other youngsters do. And with what courage and gameness they've faced the challenge of the parallel bars, the vaulting horse and the climbing rope. I have seen many so-called normal boys back down, jib and blanch, on being told to do such seemingly dangerous and desperate acrobatics, but never one of our students. If they were terrified they didn't show it and went forward with a smile.

"The new group work has spread into the social life of the school and fostered the development of clubs and societies and social activities. On an evening now you may see boys and girls learning folk and ballroom dancing, playing skittles or 10-pin bowls, billiards, table-tennis, bagatelle, modelling, playing chess or other table games. Out-of-doors cricket and croquet are popular as ever, and archery has been introduced.

"To return to the academic side of our lives I am glad to be able to report good results from the various public examinations. In the G.C.E. examinations last year Josephine Rowan passed at Advanced level in French and Bible Knowledge with distinction, and now sits the first of her London University degree examinations.

## Examination Results

"In the G.C.E. examinations at Ordinary level five students passed in English language, four in English literature, four in mathematics and three in history. In

## A 'Year of Experiment' at Thomas Delarue School



the Institute of Linguists examination, Manish Kohli and Rosemary Dawson-Shepherd passed the Preliminary Associate Stage. In the Royal Society of Arts examination, Alan Brookes passed at stage II in typewriting (35 w.p.m.) and in shorthand (80 w.p.m.) with a 1st class certificate at stage I in English language. Christopher Mansell and Geoffrey Walker passed the Grade IV Theory examination of the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music."

**A 'Mixed Year'  
at  
Wilfred Pickles  
School**

At the Wilfred Pickles School prize-giving ceremony during the annual Speech Day at Tixover Grange, radio and television personality Wilfred Pickles, who was accompanied by his wife, Mabel struck a happy note right away when he addressed the youngsters as "children, young 'uns and old 'uns, fat 'uns and thin 'uns, those with freckles on their nose and chilblains on their toes".

Telling the children that great things would be happening in their lives, Mr. Pickles, who was attending his first Speech Day at the school, said that the proudest thing that had happened to him in his life was when it was decided to name this school after him. He said he sometimes had the feeling that the school almost belonged to him, but that was because of the spirit of happiness which always prevailed. "This is due to such wonderful people as Mr. and Mrs. Pedder and the staff who help to make it, to my mind, the finest school of its kind in the country," he told his audience.

At the start of the day's proceedings, on a stage beautifully decorated with flowers, Mr. Eric P. Smith, Chairman of the Management Committee, welcomed parents and friends, particularly the Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt. Rev. Cyril Eastaugh, and Lady Laura Eastaugh, who were making their first visit to the school, and, of course, Mr. and Mrs. Pickles. Recalling that a year ago he spoke of large-scale developments planned for the school, Mr. Smith said that although they had not been able to get on with the work as quickly as they would have wished, some "modest

progress" had been made. A new house had been built for the headmaster, a pair of staff houses were in course of erection, and the Society had been good enough to buy four new houses in Stamford for staff use. This would help the school through any difficulty of staff accommodation, and the houses would undoubtedly be re-saleable by the Society when they became surplus to requirements.

**Move Ahead**

Mr. Smith said it would be their endeavour to see the other parts of the scheme—blocks of flats for the children, more staff accommodation, new classrooms, new therapy and medical rooms, a swimming pool—were continuously and expeditiously phased so that they could move without a break in the coming years.

In what he described as "a mixed year", Major R. A. Pedder, headmaster, said that from time to time efforts were made by the school consultants in their respective departments to undertake some form of treatment which they hoped might alleviate some aspect of the pupil's condition. Sometimes this was successful; at other times it was not. It was, of course, always upsetting when the treatment did not have the desired effect, but because of failure in one aspect they must not become prejudiced and censure future forms of treatment because no guarantee could be given as to their results. "If the day ever comes when we shrink from accepting the re-

sponsibility of trying new things we may as well give up all together," he said.

The headmaster reported that every effort was being made to develop the initiative and resourcefulness of the pupils. Various groups and activities had been started and were flourishing. General educational attainments and physical achievements were improving, but in some cases it was painfully slow in spite of the intellectual ability of the pupils.

**Care Needed**

Major Pedder felt that the work at the school could only be really successful if the total audit group, including the parents, concerned with the child provided a living example of mature and relaxed relationship in the daily life of the child.

As adults they had to be careful not to become guilty of transmitting emotional reactions, projecting feelings of apprehension and fear, refusing to face the full effects of the handicap whether it be physical or mental, or sheltering the child in an "ivory castle" atmosphere, the very breath of which was as unreal as the castle itself.

He concluded by paying tribute to the staff and said he was sorry to announce the retirement of Miss Williams who had been at the school six years. He wished her a long and happy retirement.

After tea many of the visitors saw a remarkable exhibition of art and crafts provided by the pupils, and the work on show drew warm approval.

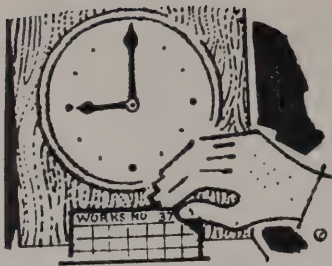
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Further news of interest from the Employment front is as follows:—

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**Mary Caddick**, from **Birmingham**, following her training at Dovercourt is working as a Tickopres operator for a local firm.

**Alma Canter**, from **Ilford**, has changed her job and is now working as a shorthand typist in the City.

**Yvonne Chappell**, from **Hertford**, has finished her temporary job as a shop assistant and is now working in a factory.

**Adam Dick**, from **Deptford**, after training at Sherrards has commenced work as a capstan lathe operator for a London firm.

**Sylvia Farley**, from **Manchester**, after training at the William Turner Centre, Stockport, is employed as a typist, Tickopres operator and general office assistant with a firm of box manufacturers.

**Jacqueline Fidler**, from **Seaforth**, has been working for some time in a laundry in Litherland.

**Andrew Hobson**, from **Ashton-under-Lyne**, after training at the William Turner Centre, Stockport, is working as an office assistant there.

**Michael Holliday**, from **Bedford**, has commenced work as a general labourer for Bedford Corporation Highways.

**Christine Hudson**, from **London**, is working as a drilling operator for a firm of ebonite manufacturers, following her training at Sherrards.

**Joan Humphries**, from **Anglesey**, is employed as a Tickopres operator by a manufacturing firm in Surrey.

**Christopher Lees**, from **Chesterfield**, is doing boot and shoe repairing work with the local Remploy.

**Anne Linton**, from **Ramsgate**, is working as a clerk/typist in the Homework Department of the National Spastics Society in London. She has recently taken a course of Tickopres training.

**Joyce Parker**, from **Leeds**, after training at the William Turner Centre, Stockport is employed as a Tickopres operator in Leeds.

**Lawrence Parker**, of **Birkenhead**, is working as an assistant porter in a local hotel.

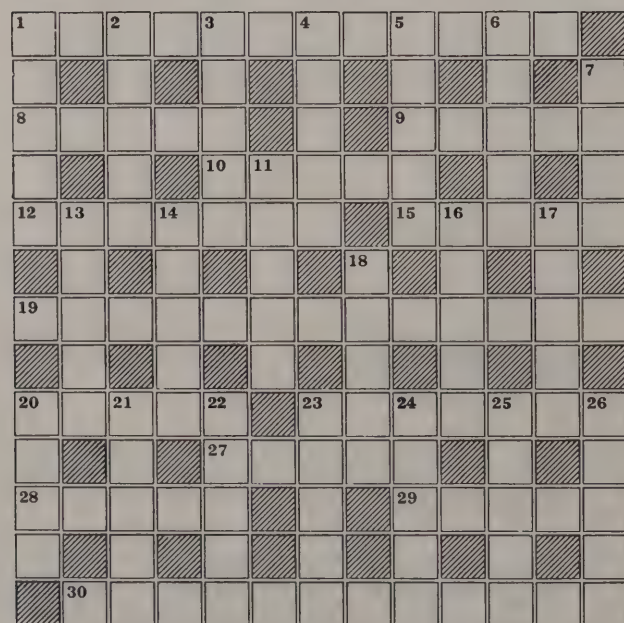
**Stella Parry**, from **Dulwich**, after training at Dovercourt is employed as a Tickopres operator in Clapham.

**Rosemary Perkins**, from **Burwell**, after attending the Assessment Course at Haworth Hall, Leeds last April, is working for a trial period with an electrical firm in Newmarket.

**Lucy Pick**, from **Peterborough**, is employed locally.

**Kay Price**, from **Battersea**, has changed her job and is now employed as a clerk locally.

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### ACROSS

1. Too hard-bitten to be subject to conscience. 12.
8. Indian fibre of sound report. 5.
9. Monkshead. 5.

10. One of the tongue's peculiarities. 5.
12. One day's tally of revolutionary drownings. 7.
15. The artist, turning to the beam, creates an impressive display. 5.
19. Sole justification for leading a double life. 13.
20. The grotto here is a wonder. 5.
23. Golden little rodent! 7.
27. Herb allergic to waiting no doubt. 5.
28. Sea-captain's headgear so to speak. 5.
29. Once he practised ritual at Stonehenge. 5.
30. Limpid as a preliminary to fortune telling. 7, 5.

### DOWN

1. No rustic Pope! 5.
2. To establish a dynasty is, to some extent, doubtfully legal. 5.
3. "Ye . . . Ploughmen! Bear in mind Your labour is for future hours." R. H. H. Horne. 5.
4. Naturally a rip's dissipated here. 5.
5. Beastly double-headed Tibetan? 5.
6. Think of one and shorten it a shade. 5.
7. "Who can believe what varies every day, Nor ever was, nor will be at a . . .?" Dryden. 4.
11. Sheer rot! 5.
13. Plato's last letter! 5.
14. Biblical character who, to some extent, made the Arab nervous. 5.
16. Estimates an artist on a topsy-turvy set. 5.
17. A little verse to interest an electrician. 5.
18. Here in S.E. Asia manna turned up. 5.
20. It arranges a parting on the right line. 4.
21. Dad's a trifle Victorian! 5.
22. It's all around me waiting to be ticked off. 5.
23. The beast with a yen to laugh? 5.
24. Snow White's lieutenant joins me in a drink. 5.
25. Usual preliminary to a peace treaty. 5.
26. Mr. Haggard, I presume. 5.



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8. Charity	17. Gretna	2. Date line	14. Convene
9. Minimum	21. Conquest	3. Citation	15. Tourist
10. Ewelamb	22. Juliet	4. Cymbals	16. Epstein
11. Amulets	23. One-sided	5. Banbury	18. Roused
12. Initial	24. Censor	6. Lambeth	19. Thirst
	25. Sweeting		20. Actors

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### IRTON HALL SCHOOL

Holmrook, Cumberland.  
Telephone: Holmrook 242.  
Headmaster:  
John Nelson, Esq.  
Chairman of the Management Committee:  
J. D. Herd, Esq.  
Education for Spastics reputed to be below average intelligence.  
Accommodation: 41.

### COOMBE FARM

Oaks Road, Croydon, Surrey.  
Telephone: Addiscombe 2310.  
Warden: F. W. Bowyer, Esq., M.A.  
Chairman of the Management Committee:  
R. Meek, Esq.  
Residential Centre for Spastics aged from 16 to 25 years. Accommodation: 45.

### S.O.S. HOLIDAY HOTEL FOR SPASTIC CHILDREN

Colwall Court, Bexhill.  
Telephone: Bexhill 1491.  
Manager: F. E. Chappell, Esq.  
Chairman of the Management Committee:  
David Jacobs, Esq.  
Accommodation: 23.

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## SCHOOLS AFFILIATED TO THE N.S.S.

### BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL

43 Shrewsbury Road, Oxtou, Birkenhead. Tel.: Claughton 2583.  
Headmistress:  
Mrs. M. Collinge, B.A.  
Chairman:  
F. H. Campbell, Esq.

Day education and treatment for children between the ages of 5 and 16.

### BIRTENSHAW HALL SCHOOL

Darwen Road, Bromley Cross, Bolton. Telephone: Eagley 230.

Headmaster:  
D. A. Hiles, Esq.

Chairman:  
W. Sheppard, Esq.

Special education and therapy for 36 spastic children between the ages of 5 and 16. 19 residential and 17 day pupils.

### DAME HANNAH ROGERS SCHOOL

Ivybridge, Devon.  
Telephone: Ivybridge 461.

Headmistress:  
Miss B. G. Sutcliffe.

Chairman:  
Norman Capener, Esq., F.R.C.S.

Residential School for 50 cerebral palsied children, boys and girls, between the ages 5 and 16.

### PERCY HEDLEY SCHOOL

Forest Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne 12.  
Telephone: Newcastle 66-5491/2.

Headmistress:  
Mrs. E. M. Caldwell, N.F.F.  
Chairman:  
Alderman J. Gray, J.P.

Special education for severely disabled children with cerebral palsy who live in the Five Northern Counties.

Accommodation: 32 Day pupils.  
40 Boarders.



# AFFILIATED GROUPS and Local Centres of the N.S.S.

## Eastern Region

Boston District Branch  
Chesterfield and District Spastics Society **TC**  
Corby and District Spastics Society  
Derby and District Branch of NSS **T**  
Grantham & District Friends of Spastics  
Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District Friends of Spastics Society  
Ipswich and East Suffolk Spastics Soc. **T**  
Leicester and Leicestershire Spastics Society **TE**  
Lincoln Branch  
Mansfield and District Friends of Spastics Group **O**  
Newark and District Friends of Spastics Group  
Norfolk and Norwich Spastic Assoc. **T**  
Northampton and County Spastics Society **TE**  
Nottingham and District Friends of Spastics Group **TEC**  
Peterborough and District Spastics Group **O**  
Scunthorpe and District Spastic Society **C**  
Stamford and District Branch of NSS  
(Regional Officer: H. G. Knight, 58 Park Road, Peterborough, Northants. Tel: 67045)

## Midland Region

Cannock Chase Spastic Association  
Coventry and District Spastics Society **R**  
Dudley and District Spastic Group **O**  
North Staffordshire Spastic Association **T**  
Shrewsbury and District Spastics Group  
Stafford and District Spastic Association  
Worcester and District Branch of NSS  
(Officer to be appointed)

## North-Eastern Region

Barnsley and District Association of the NSS **C**  
Bradford and District Branch of the NSS  
Castleford and District Spastics Committee  
Darlington and District Spastics Society **H**  
Dewsbury and District Spastics Society  
Goole and District Spastics Association  
Halifax and District Spastic Group **W**  
Huddersfield and District Spastics Soc.  
Hull Group, The Friends of Spastics Society in Hull and District **H**  
Leeds and District Spastics Society  
Pontefract and District Spastics Association  
Rawmarsh and Parkgate Spastics Society  
Sheffield and District Spastics Society **T**  
Sunderland and District Spastics Society  
Tees-side Parents and Friends of Spastics **TE**  
York and District Spastic Group **T**  
(Reg. Off. R. J. E. Whyte, Royal Chambers, Station Parade, Harrogate. Tel: 69655)

## North Western Region

Barrow-in-Furness and District Spastic and Handicapped Children's Society **C**  
Birkenhead Spastic Children's Society **TE**  
Blackburn and District Spastics Group  
Blackpool and Fylde Spastic Group **CW**  
Bollington, Macclesfield and District Committee for Spastic Children  
Bolton and District Group of the NSS **TE**  
Burnley Area and Rossendale Spastics Group  
Chester and District Spastics Assoc.  
Crewe and District Spastics Society **TO**  
Crosby and District Spastics Society

Cumberland, Westmorland and Furness Spastics Society  
Lancaster, Morecambe and District Spastics Society  
Manchester and District Spastics Soc. **TE**  
Oldham & District Spastics Society **T**  
Preston and District Spastic Group **T**  
Sale, Altrincham and District Spastics Society **RTEC**  
Southport, Formby and District Spastics Society  
Stockport, East Cheshire and High Peak Spastics Society **TEO**  
Urmston and District Group of the NSS **TC**  
Warrington Group for the Welfare of Spastics  
Widnes Spastics Fellowship Group  
(Reg. Off: T. H. Keighley, 20 Brazen-nose Street, Manchester. Tel: Blackfriars 6130)

## Northern Home Counties Region

Bedford and District **TOWE**  
Bishop's Stortford and District Group, Herts Spastics Society  
Central Middlesex Spastics Welfare Society **W**  
Clacton and District Group  
Colchester and District Group  
East Herts Group, Herts Spastics Society  
East London Spastic Society **H**  
Epping Forest and District Branch of NSS **TO**  
Essex Group of the NSS  
Harlow and District Branch  
Hatfield and District Group, Herts Spastics Society  
Hemel Hempstead and District Group, Herts Spastics Society  
Hitchin and District Friends of Spastics  
Herts Spastics Society  
Ilford, Romford and District Spastics Association **O**  
Luton, Dunstable and District Spastics Group **T**  
Maidenhead Friends of Spastics Group  
North London Area Association of Parents and Friends of Spastics **T**  
North-West London Group of the NSS **O**  
Oxfordshire Spastics Welfare Society of the NSS **TE**  
Reading and District Spastics Welfare Society **TE**  
Slough and District Spastics Welfare Society  
Southend-on-Sea and District Spastics Society **TEO**  
South-West Middlesex Group of the NSS **T**  
St. Albans and District Group, Herts Spastics Society **T**  
Walthamstow and District Spastics Society  
Watford and District Group, Herts Spastics Society  
Welwyn Garden City and District Group, Herts Spastics Society  
Wycombe and District Spastics Society **T**  
(Reg. Off: R. C. Lemarie, 32 High St., Watford. Tel: 41565)

## South-Eastern Region

Bournemouth, Poole and District Spastics Society **TE**  
Brighton, Hove and District Branch **TOC**  
Central Surrey Group **W**  
Croydon and District Branch **TEW**  
East Sussex Group **T**  
Folkestone and District Branch of NSS **H**  
Isle of Wight Group **TE**  
Maidstone Area Spastic Group **OT**  
Medway Towns Branch of NSS  
North Hants and West Surrey Group **TE**  
North Surrey Group **W**  
North-West Kent Spastics Group **W**  
North-West Surrey Group **TE**  
Portsmouth and District Spastics Society **TEW**  
Southampton and District Spastics Association **TOW**  
South-East London Group **T**  
South-East Surrey Spastics Group (Redhill) **TO**  
South London Group  
South-West London and District Group  
South-West Surrey Group **TE**  
Thanet Group  
Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Area Group  
West Kent Spastics Society Incorporating Bromley and District Spastics Group  
(Reg. Off: H. J. I. Cunningham, 55 London Road, Horsham, Sussex. Tel: 60100)  
(Hampshire Town & Village Organiser: Capt. C. S. B. Swinley, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., 32 St. Cross Road, Winchester. Tel: 61221)

## Welsh Region (including Mon.)

Cardiff and District Spastics Assoc. **TC**  
Colwyn Bay and District Spastics Society  
Conway and District Branch of NSS  
Flint Borough Spastics Association  
Kenfig Hill and District Spastics Soc. **C**  
Merthyr Tydfil and District Spastics Soc.  
Montgomeryshire Spastics Society  
Pontypridd and District Group  
Swansea and District Spastics Association **TCW**  
(Reg. Off: B. Kingsley-Davies, 64 St. Mary Street, Cardiff. Tel: 29289)

## Western Region

Bridgewater and District Friends of Spastics Association **T**  
Bristol Spastics Association **CTOW**  
Cheltenham Spastic Aid Association **ET**  
Exeter and Torbay Spastics Society  
Plymouth Spastic (CP) Assoc. **COETW**  
Swindon and District Spastic Society  
Yeovil and District Spastics Welfare Society  
(Reg. Off: Mrs. A. Mansel-Dyer, St. John House, Park Street, Taunton, Somerset. Tel: 81678)  
Jersey Branch of the NSS, Channel Islands  
Independent Schools (affiliated to the N.S.S.)  
Dame Hannah Rogers School, Ivy-bridge, Devon  
Percy Hedley School, Forest Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne

## Chief Regional Officer:

(A. M. Frank, M.C., M.A., 12 Park Cresc., London, W.1.)

## Local Projects Secretary:

(D. Lancaster-Gaye, 12 Park Cresc., London, W.1.)

## Key:

**T**—Treatment Available  
**E**—Education  
**O**—Occupational Centre  
**W**—Work Centre  
**H**—Holiday Home  
**C**—Child Care  
**R**—Residential Centre



